

STATEMENT OF MAYOR VALERIE JOHNSON AT THE START OF THE NEW  
BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING – JANUARY 22, 2019

I would like a moment for a Point of Personal Privilege.

On Saturday night, I was arrested for Driving Under The Influence, with a Blood Alcohol Content of 0.17. There is no question that I was reckless and made a significant error in judgment that night, potentially risking the safety of others and myself. I am ready to accept the consequences of my actions, and I intend to take steps to ensure that I never make this mistake again.

I would like to apologize to members of the City Council, our great staff here with the City of New Brighton and the residents of this wonderful community. As Mayor, I hold myself to a high standard of conduct, and I failed to meet that standard on Saturday night. People have a right to be disappointed in my behavior, just as I am, but I hope we can continue to work together and achieve our hopes for the City of New Brighton.

After this meeting adjourns, I will stay around and answer any questions that anyone in attendance has for me. I will also inform members of the Council and city residents once I determine my next steps in addressing my behavior.

For those of you with business before the Council tonight, I apologize for any distraction my announcement will cause – you deserve to have your voices heard.

Thank you.